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Dearable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Assistant Secretary of State  
for American Republics Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I refer to conversations held by representatives of this agency with Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy and Mr. Jack Seal on 25 July 1946, in which were discussed general plans for the transfer of responsibility for secret intelligence coverage in Latin America from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to this agency.

At this meeting the principal subjects were discussed. In the first place it was agreed that CIG would submit to the Department of State for its consideration and approval an overall plan for the transfer of clandestine intelligence activities in Latin America from FBI to CIG. This outline plan is attached herewith. Secondly, it was agreed that special consideration would be given to the placement in [redacted] at the earliest possible date, of a representative of CIG, to insure the continuity of coverage in this location considered essential by the Department of State. Such action is necessary since the Director of the FBI has indicated that it is not practicable nor possible for his organization to continue in [redacted] beyond 15 August 1946.

Because it is the desire of this agency to provide our cover service in intelligence matters which the State Department desires, a special effort has been made to have our representative in [redacted] immediately. It is obvious that the short time limit required that we handle the matter is a very high priority project and for this reason it must not be regarded as a precedent for similar handling of other cases. It will be impossible for CIG to handle on a frequently recurring basis such special cases, which would obstruct our program and

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definitively insure the overall activities of the organization. Our present action has been made possible by additional trained operative assigned to Langley here in Washington on consultation.

In order to effect the rapid dispatch of this operative to [redacted]

[redacted] The operative is ready to depart in our way and his departure date will be determined only by the speed with which the necessary clearance from the Department of State can be obtained. We consider it further most highly desirable that the Department of State notify [redacted] of this rather precipitate change in plan, for we have counted upon the return of our operative [redacted] presently.

With reference to our general plan for entry into Latin America, the attached schedule indicates three dates in 1947, namely, February 15, April 1 and May 15, by which dates we hope assume responsibility in the countries listed under each. This schedule is based on a realistic consideration of the time needed to enlarge our administrative organization and to brief and train personnel for service in each area. It will be referred to you after your review. The number of personnel to be introduced on these dates is [redacted], and we will request that designations of Attachés be secured for specific personnel listed for assignment in the respective missions.

It should be clearly understood that the attached schedule does not necessarily indicate the full coverage which we may in time expect to provide in Latin America. It represents only our estimate of the personnel which we will be able to put in place prior to 30 June 1947.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT M. WILHELMING  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director of Central Intelligence

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FIG will assume responsibility in Latin America according to the following schedule. It should be held in mind that this scheduling is tentative in nature and presents a set of target dates selected on the basis of operational estimates which are the best currently available:

1) February 15, 1947:

4 officers  
2 clerks  
1 radio operator  
  
3 officers  
3 secretaries  
2 radio operator  
  
1 officer  
1 secretary  
1 radio operator  
  
1 officer  
2 secretaries  
1 radio operator

b) April 1, 1947;

2 officers  
3 clerks  
1 radio operator  
  
1 officer  
2 clerks  
1 radio operator

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3) May 15, 1947:

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3 officers  
4 clerks  
1 radio operator (if radio  
is installed)

1 officer  
1 clerk

1 officer  
1 clerk  
1 radio operator

1 officer  
1 clerk

1 officer  
1 clerk  
1 radio operator

under consideration

1 officer  
2 clerks  
1 radio operator

1 officer  
1 clerk

1 officer  
1 clerk

3 officers  
4 clerks  
1 radio operator

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